

Appl. No. 10/703,387
Reply to Office action of 07/01/2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the above amendment, and of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

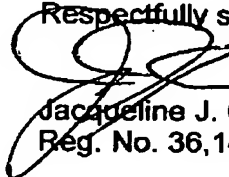
Claims 1, 2, 5-12, and 16-18 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 are amended herein and claims 3, 4, 13-15, 19, and 20 are cancelled herein.

Claims 4-6 and 13-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 is rewritten as amended claim 1 including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claim 3. Claim 6 is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. Claim 15 is rewritten as amended claim 10 including all the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, all the pending claims are believed to be allowable.

The other references cited by the Examiner have been reviewed, but are not felt to come within the scope of the claims as amended.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-12 and 16-18. If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,



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